

Harwich Water Department
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2015

Present: Chairman Allin Thompson, Vice Chair Danette Gonsalves, Clerk Gary Carreiro, Superintendent Dan Pelletier, Comptroller Sandra Cummings, Sr. Billing Administrator Wellesley Marsh, Secretary Tracey Alves

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m.

Chair Thompson entertained a motion to approve the minutes from October 1, 2015 and sign the minutes from September 3, 2015 as amended. Vice Chair Gonsalves moved the motion with a second by Clerk Carreiro; 3-0-0

The Board reviewed the FY16 1st Quarter Internal Adjustments in the amount of \$6,892.85.

Vice Chair Gonsalves asked where the interest goes after a property is lienied for an unpaid water bill? An answer to her question will be researched.

The Board reviewed an abatement request received by the property of 7 Riverbend Road. Vice Chair Gonsalves motioned to deny the request with a second by Clerk Carreiro; 3-0-0

The borings have been dug out at the Lothrop water tank site. Pelletier would like to perform some tests involving taking the tank off-line to see what type of fire flows can be achieved without it. A pressure test at this location will soon be scheduled.

The Board discussed that they agree with the CWMP on an adaptive and changing basis.

The question was raised as to why the town of Mashpee had wanted a Water & Wastewater District but now that they have it, they want out of it? Superintendent Pelletier will research the answer to this question.

The Wastewater Implementation Committee meets on Wednesdays once a month. Clerk Carreiro asked Chair Thompson to converse with the group to see if they can change their meeting times so that he can attend.

Clerk Carreiro motioned to vote in favor of the CWMP as an adaptive document. The motion was moved by Vice Chair Gonsalves and seconded by Chair Thompson; 3-0-0. Superintendent Pelletier will word the vote on the CWMP and create something to present to the Board of Selectmen.

The parcel of land that would be best suitable for a wastewater recharge area was discussed. Vice Chair Gonsalves is not in favor of using any Water Department land for anything other than Water Department purposes. Pelletier proposed perhaps doing a land swap between the Water Department and the Board of Selectmen. The Board decided to table voting on this topic until the results from the soil characteristics tests that CDM Smith is running arrive. The results will be revealing. Chair Thompson added to perhaps utilize real estate open space as well as the idea of going back to re-examine the Hawk's Nest property for a recharge area.

The Water Department crew took down all of the dead trees located out back of the Water Department. The next step now is to obtain a quote to rent a tub grinder and a machine to turn the wood into wood chips.

Superintendent Pelletier is reviewing all of the options in terms of water tanks in an effort to decide what will best suit replacing the Lothrop Ave water tank. Pelletier will present some preliminary engineering construction plans for the Lothrop tank at the next meeting.

The Water Department will proceed with having a gloss paint job done to the floor of the Well 10 treatment plant. Pelletier will do some research to determine the lifecycle of the paint job to see how long it is anticipated to last.

There is one out-of-commission hydrant in town which has a bag placed over it to identify that it is out-of-commission.

Vice Chair Gonsalves commented that she is proud of the Water Department for meticulously maintaining its buildings over all of the years.

The Board voted to add section 5.17 regarding cross connection control into the Rules and Regulations. Vice Chair Gonsalves motioned to approve adding section 5.17 cross connection control into the Rules and Regulations with a second by Clerk Carreiro; 3-0-0

The Board will meet again on Friday, October 30th at 7:00 a.m. with the public hearing being held at 7:30 a.m. The following Board meeting will take place on November 24th, 2015 with executive session beginning at 7:00 a.m. in which Superintendent Pelletier's 6-month evaluation will take place with regular session meeting to follow. Staff feedback forms will be distributed to the Board of Water Commissioners a few weeks prior to the Superintendent's evaluation.

The Board will be discussing goals and objectives to present to the Board of Selectmen at the annual meeting on November 16th, 2015.

National Grid continues to not pay for work rendered by the Water Department. Superintendent Pelletier spoke to someone at National Grid regarding this issue and another bill will be sent out to them in an effort to collect what is owed.

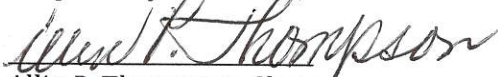
The Board asked the status of the solar revenues and when the Water Department can anticipate it showing up in the budget?

Vice Chair Gonsalves requested to view a list of new developments and water services.

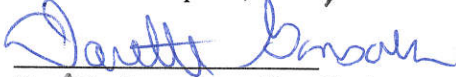
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Chair Thompson motioned to adjourn at 8:37 a.m. Vice Chair Gonsalves moved the motion with a second by Clerk Carreiro; 3-0-0

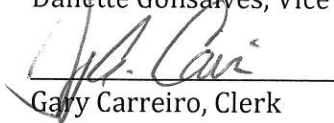
Respectfully submitted,



Allin P. Thompson, Chairman



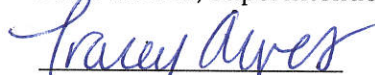
Danette Gonsalves, Vice Chair



Gary Carreiro, Clerk



Dan Pelletier, Superintendent



Tracey Alves, Board Secretary